

March 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Statehouse, Room 111-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2286 by Representative Garber

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2286 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2286 would create the Campus Intellectual Diversity Act and require an Office of Public Policy Events at each postsecondary educational institution to organize debates, group forums and individual lectures; obtain speakers who hold opposing views on public policy issues; and host speakers who can discuss perspectives on public policy issues otherwise poorly represented on the campus. Events would be open to all students, faculty, staff and the general public.

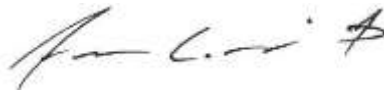
The Office of Public Policy Events would be required to:

1. Organize, publicize and stage debates, group forums and individual lectures that address multiple, divergent and opposing perspectives on an extensive range of public policy;
2. Invite speakers, who hold a wide diversity of perspectives from within and outside the campus community;
3. Provide honoraria, travel and lodging expenses where necessary;
4. Maintain and publish a permanent, publicly accessible and up-to-date calendar of events;
5. By September 1 of each year, submit a public policy event calendar for the preceding calendar year to the Governor and Legislature, and provide copies of all annual public policy event calendars to each library of the postsecondary educational institution; and
6. Publish a publicly accessible video record of each debate, group forum or individual lecture on the internet and in the library within ten business days following the event.

The bill would require a Director of Public Policy Events position be created at each postsecondary educational institution that reports to the Office of General Counsel.

The Kansas Board of Regents estimates HB 2286 would increase annual expenditures for 32 Kansas public postsecondary educational institutions including six state universities, Washburn University, 19 community colleges and six technical colleges. Postsecondary educational institutions would incur costs to create an Office of Public Policy Events and a Director of Public Policy Events position; publicize and host a substantial number of public policy debates and events on campus; and provide honoraria and travel expense reimbursement to speakers. The Board estimates these costs would total between \$6.6 million and \$10.6 million annually. The estimate includes \$3.2 million to \$4.8 million in salaries and wages for an additional 48.00 FTE positions total or 1.50 FTE positions at approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 per institution; \$160,000 for operating costs at \$5,000 per institution; and \$3.2 million to \$5.6 million for speaker-related expenses at \$100,000 to \$175,000 per institution. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2286 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents